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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	<i>Application Number</i>	09/434,382
	<i>Filing Date</i>	5 November 1999
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Sean V. TAVTIGIAN
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1642
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	J.E. Hunt
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2318-247
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> CHROMOSOME 17p-LINKED PROSTATE CANCER SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE		

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Response After Final filed on 2 April 2002 and in view of the Advisory Action mailed on 18 June 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16-24 and 27-60 without prejudice to filing one or more divisional applications.

Please cancel claims 10, 25, 64-66 and 78 without prejudice to filing a continuation application.

REMARKS

Claims 10, 25, 64-66 and 78, the sole rejected claims, have been canceled, as well as the non-elected claims 16-24 and 27-60. Thus, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance in view of the Examiner's indication that claims 1-3, 11-15, 61-63 and 67-77 are allowable. Reconsideration of the application and early notice of allowance are requested. The

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